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PHIL'S PAGE



THE compliments of the season to one and all and welcome to Burden Park for the first of our two Festive 'derby' games.

We aren't quite at the half way stage of the season yet but I think the way things have gone up to now bears out my opinion that the Third is a very tight division indeed. From our own point of view we have had an indifferent spell of results in the

build up to Christmas—largely due to us having to cope with more than our fair share of injuries. But, all being well, we should have a full squad of players to select from today—including Robbie Savage, who has been out for ever so long but has shown in these last couple of weeks a fierce determination to get back in the squad as quickly as possible.

It was nice to have David Reeves and Stuart Storer back in harness at Shrewsbury, where we gained a very good point, even allowing for the fact that we were 2-0 up at half time and had to settle for a draw. I was pleased with the way Martin Pike played in his first game since joining us on loan from Sheffield United. Considering the fact that he had had only 48 hours with us he showed some very promising signs. We'll monitor his progress very carefully and hopefully be able to make a decision on his future with us before too long.

Obviously today we will be looking to avenge our defeat at Blackpool in the FA Cup tie back in November. That defeat, which seemed to spark off our run of injuries and poor results, hurt us quite a bit so we'll have something of a score to settle this afternoon.

It is always nice to get a few points over Christmas. It can stand you in good stead going into the New Year. So hopefully this afternoon will see the start of an unbeaten run of games which will get us back among the front runners.

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Thursday, 28th December, 1989.
11.00 a.m. — 5.00 p.m.

It's been quite interesting so far this season to see the increases in crowds at Burnden Park. Below is a breakdown on the gates, increases and the amount of visiting fans at each game.

	This Season	Last Season	Increase		Visiting Supporters
Fulham	5524	4289	1235	League	194
Rochdale	4637	—	—	Littlewoods Cup	730
Bristol R.	5913	4821	1092	League	502
Watford	6856	—	—	Littlewoods Cup	272
L. Orient	5951	—	—	League	194
Mansfield	5797	4936	861	League	163
Wigan A.	6462	6166	296	League	658
Chester	6496	4318	2178	League	328
Walsall	7363	—	—	League	165
Swansea	6618	4178	2440	League	177
Swindon	11533	—	—	Littlewoods Cup	610
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Crewe	3868	—	—	Leyland DAF	326
North'pton	5501	4446	1055	League	199
	<u>96648</u>				

14 Home games played up to today's fixture. Average attendance including League, Littlewoods Cup and Leyland DAF = 6903
Average League attendance, nine games = 6180

23rd November 1989

Dear Phil,

I have been watching the Wanderers for 35 years and I am a member, and season ticket holder of the Burnden Stand. Although very impressed in what you have done since you became the manager especially with your deals in the transfer market (i.e. Phil Brown and Barry Cowdrill) the present team reminds me of the early 1970's team which was also in the Third Division. That team also didn't have a recognised winger until they signed Peter Thompson from Liverpool. He didn't score but he made goals every week, no doubt you know that team went into the First Division winning the Third and Second Division Championship en-route.

I don't think the team at the

moment has enough options to score goals; we seem to dominate nearly every game but don't seem to turn the dominance into goals, we have only score 9 home League goals so far. I'm sure players, like David Reeves, would score more goals if given the right service from a good winger. The Burnden fans get excited when full back Barry Cowdrill does one of his runs to the by-line and pulls the ball back across the face of the goal. We all feel in my area of the Stand that a good winger on the left side would bring goals. We were impressed by the blonde Chester winger for one.

Phil, please try to sign a left winger as soon as possible, before we start to lose ground for promotion.

Yours faithfully,
Mr. Jeff Fielding
(Tonge Fold, Bolton.)



NEWS DESK NEWS DESK

Dear Mr. Porter,

In the match programme on the statistics page I have observed the following faults: On the match versus Swansea City you have not indicated that Jeffrey came on for Stevens and also on the Swindon Town match (Littlewoods Cup Round 3, replay at home) you have not indicated that Jeffrey came on for Reeves and Came came on for Henshaw. I would be happy if you could do something about this. These mistakes really do spoil a great programme.

Yours faithfully,
Jonathon Callow.

Thanks Jonathon for pointing out these oversights; they have been rectified.

Gary Porter
Programme Editor

Barclays League Division 3

Leading Scorers—League & Cup—upto & incl. 18.12.89.

Birmingham C.	Bailey 10, Sturridge 7
Blackpool	Garner 6, Briggs 4, Gabbiadini 4, Madden 4, Owen 4.
Bolton W.	Philliskirk 12, Darby 7, Reeves 6
Brentford	Holdsworth 10, May 9
Bristol C.	Taylor 13, Turner 5
Bristol R.	Mehew 9, White 6
Bury	Robinson 11, Cunningham 7
Cardiff C.	Pike 11, Griffith 4, Morgan 4
Chester C.	Newhouse 4, Painter 4
Crewe A.	Sussex 8, Clayton 4, Gardiner 4, Cutler 4
Fulham	Walker 7, Sayer 5, Skinner 5
Huddersfield T.	Maskill 8, Cecere 8
Leyton O.	Castle 9, Cooper 8,
Mansfield T.	Christie 7, Charles 6, Wilkinson 6
Northampton	Barnes 10, Collins 7
Notts C.	Johnson 7, Lund 5
Preston N.E.	Shaw 9, Ellis 6
Reading	Senior 12, Gilkes 5
Rotherham U.	Williamson 17, Mendonca 6, Buckley 6
Shrewsbury T.	McGinlay 11, Moyes 5
Swansea C.	Melville 8, Raynor 7
Tranmere R.	Muir 16, Malkin 11
Walsall	Rimmer 9, Bertschin 8
Wigan A.	Hilditch 6, Daley 5

**A warm welcome to Martin Pike
who has joined us on a months loan from Sheffield United.
We wish him well in his stay with the Club.**



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PLAYER PROFILE

**PHILIP
BROWN**

Name: Philip Brown
Place/Date of Birth:

South Shields

Married: No.

Favourite Other

Team: 'The Magpies'

Favourite Away

Ground: St. James' Park

Best Player you have seen in your position: The Gaffa, of course!

Best Goal scored and how: Well, I picked it up on the right, and ?

Best Goal seen: Carlos Alberto, 1970 World Cup, Mexico.

Best Sporting Moment outside

football: Seeing Dancing Brave win the Derby.

The Liveliest Character you have met in football:

Rick Holden, Oldham,

Details

of your First Match:

Hartlepool v Peterboro Utd., won 2-1, played sweeper.

Your worst moment on the football field: Scored an own goal from the half way line, with a half-volley chip.

The funniest incident you have seen on a football pitch: Sumo's somersault at Wembley.

Your best pal in football: Russell Black, Gretna Green.

The best and worst dressers among your team mates:

Phil Neal & Mick Brown, not necessarily in that order.

Do you have any

hobbies: Golf, Snooker, Horse Racing.

With which sports star would you like to change places for a day?: Alex Higgins

Your favourite newspaper: The Bolton Evening News.

Your favourite holiday spot: Antigua, West Indies.

Biggest risk taken in your life: Playing up front against Camey in training.

Happiest moment outside football: Becoming single again!





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BLACKPOOL



FACT FILE

Season	Div.	Position	Lge Cup	FA Cup	League	
					Most Apps	Top Scorer
1984-85	4	2nd	2	1	O'Rourke 46, Britton 46	Deary 13
1985-86	3	12th	1	2	O'Rourke 46	O'Keefe 17
1986-87	3	9th	1	1	Methven 46	Stewart 21
1987-88	3	10th	2	4	Morgan 46	Taylor 21
1988-89	3	19th	3	3	Burgess 46	Garner 11

This Boxing Day afternoon we extend seasonal greetings to the players, officials and supporters of Blackpool who have made the short journey over from Bloomfield Road and look forward to an exciting game. The season so far has seen Jimmy Mullen's side experience mixed fortunes and so they will be looking for a good result to use as a springboard for next year.

Last season Mullen took over from long serving Sam Ellis as manager towards the end of the season and helped inspire a run of four wins and a draw in the last five League games to squeeze the Seaside to safety. Blackpool's League form has continued to be patchy but they have enjoyed some success in cup competitions.

In the Littlewoods Cup Blackpool beat Burnley and Bamsley before losing at Exeter in the third round. The F.A. Cup saw Blackpool beat the Wanderers in front of their seasonal best crowd of 7309 by 2-0 and a 3-0 win over Chester City has taken them into the third round and another home tie against the winners of the Burnley/Scunthorpe replay. In the group stages of the Leyland DAF Trophy, a competition in which Blackpool reached the Northern final last season before losing to the Wanderers, the Seaside beat Bury 4-0 and lost 0-1 at Wrexham to qualify for the next phase.

Blackpool-Barclays League Results 1989-90

Wigan A.	(h)	D	0-0
Notts. Co.	(a)	W	1-0
Shrewsbury T.	(h)	L	0-1
Bristol C.	(a)	L	0-2
Crewe A.	(h)	L	1-3
Mansfield T.	(a)	W	3-0
Preston N.E.	(a)	L	1-2
Birmingham C.	(h)	W	3-2
Reading	(h)	D	0-0
Leyton O.	(a)	L	0-2
Northampton T.	(a)	L	2-4
Cardiff C.	(h)	W	1-0
Rotherham U.	(a)	D	1-1
Bury	(h)	L	0-1
Bristol R.	(a)	D	1-1
Brentford	(h)	W	4-0
Tranmere R.	(h)	L	0-3
Swansea C.	(a)	D	0-0
Fulham	(h)	L	0-1

Scorers (League & Cup)

Gamer 6, Gabbiadini 4, Briggs 4, Madden 4, Owen 4, Own Goals 3, Eyres 2, Morgan 1, Brook 1, Burgess 1, Diamond 1, Bradshaw 1.

Blackpool-Last Season 1988-89

P 46
Home W10 D6 L7 F36 A29
Away W4 D7 L12 F20 A30
54 Pts (19th)

Most League Appearances

Burgess 46, Morgan 43+1, Coughlin 42+1, Methven 41+1, Garner 41+1, Elliott 41.

Most League Goals:

Garner 11, Thompson 8, Cunningham 7, Coughlin 5, Deary 5.

Goalkeeper **Steve McIlhargey** is a former Scottish schoolboy representative who moved to Walsall from Scottish junior side Blantyre Celtic. A close season signing from the Saddlers, he has been given the opportunity of regular first team football at Bloomfield Road having been the understudy to the consistent Fred Barber at Fellows Park. **Dave Burgess** was signed from Grimsby Town for a tribunal fixed fee of £30,000 in 1988. The former Tranmere defender was an everpresent in his first



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season at Bloomfield Road and has now made around 350 league appearances. **Steve Morgan** recently turned down the chance of a £300,000 move to Wimbledon. The talented young defender or midfield player is a product of the club's youth policy and last season passed a century of league appearances for the Seaside. He has attained England U-21 honours.

Russell Coughlin joined Blackpool from Plymouth in 1987 for a fee of £75,000. The experienced midfielder began his career as an apprentice with Manchester City and later played for Blackburn and Carlisle, and has made around 450 senior appearances. **Colin Methven** was a stalwart of the Wigan Athletic defence for many years before moving to the seaside in the 1986/87 close season. A former East Fife player, he has made nearly 600 league appearances in the Scottish and English leagues and was Blackpool's "Player of the Year" last season. **Shaun Elliott** is a pacy central defender who was signed from Norwich in July 1988. The former England B International made 321 league appearances for his first club Sunderland.

Ian Gore is a versatile defender, born in Liverpool, who was previously with Birmingham C. and Southport. **Gary Brook** was a recent big money signing from Scar-



Back Row: Chris Thompson, David Eyres, Mark Bradshaw, Neil Matthews, Steve Morgan.

Middle Row: Simon Rooney, Shaun Dunn, Gary Briggs, Colin Methven, Mark Gayle, Steve McIlhargey, Ian Gore, Steve Burns, Andy Garner.

Front Row: Mike Davies, Gordon Owen, Dave Burgess, Shaun Elliott, Jimmy Mullen, Russell Coughlin, Craig Madden, Alan Wright.

borough. The former Frickley Athletic striker began his league career with Newport County before moving to North Yorkshire where he was the club's leading scorer with 14 goals last season. **Gordon Owen** was a pre season signing from Mansfield Town. The experienced winger previously played for Sheffield Wednesday, Cardiff City, Barnsley and Bristol City.

Andy Garner was a £75,000 signing from Derby County in August 1988. Last season he was Blackpool's leading goalscorer with 15 goals in league and cup. The Chesterfield born striker scored Blackpool's second goal against the Wanderers in the F.A. Cup recently. Scorer of the opening goal was **David Eyres**, a Liverpool born striker who was signed from NPL side Rhyl in the close season. Last season the former Southport player scored 28 goals for Rhyl to catch the eye of a number of league clubs. **Alan Wright** is a highly promising teenaged full back who signed a full professional contract after coming up through the junior ranks. He became the youngest ever player to appear for Blackpool in the

Football League. Utility man **Mike Davies** was a former apprentice at Bloomfield Road and has made over 200 senior appearances at full back, in midfield or on the wing.

Nigel Hawkins was signed this season from Bristol City. The 21 year old forward was a former apprentice at Ashton Gate. **Craig Madden** set a Bury club record of 129 league goals from 1978-86 and joined Blackpool after a short spell at West Bromwich Albion. **Neil Matthews** is a Manchester born defender who last season was called up into the Northern Ireland Under-21 squad. **Gary Briggs** was a marvellous servant at Oxford, making 420 league appearances during his long and successful stay at the Manor Ground. The Leeds born defender joined Blackpool during the summer. Striker **Tony Diamond** was a summer recruit from Blackburn Rovers but has been out with injury in recent weeks.

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AROUND THE LEAGUES

Saturday,
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In DIVISION ONE, Liverpool who have been a little below par in recent matches went nap at CHELSEA with a stunning 5-2 victory. ARSENAL maintain pole position, two points clear of Liverpool after their narrow 3-2 win over lowly LUTON.

MANCHESTER UNITED suffered their third home defeat of the season at the hands of in form TOTTENHAM, Gary Lineker scoring the only goal of the game. MILWALL aren't the easiest of teams to beat at the Den and visitors high flying ASTON VILLA failed to make any impression, going down 2-0. Ron Atkinson has instilled some confidence into his SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY outfit over recent games

and their most recent 2-0 home win over Q.P.R. amassed another three valuable points to ease relegation worries.

In DIVISION TWO, Leeds scored their tenth home win of the season and find themselves two points clear of SHEFFIELD UNITED at the top. It was former Manchester United star Gordon Strachan who set them on the road to a 3-0 victory over BRIGHTON at Elland Road in front of the Leagues biggest attendance of the day, 24,000. Sheffield meanwhile earned a 1-1 draw at PORT VALE.

Neighbours OLDHAM gained a creditable 2-0 victory at WEST HAM to launch themselves into the top four frame. Lucky 7 was just right for WATFORD at Vicarage Road. BRADFORD were the sufferers coming on the reverse side of a 7-2 scoreline.

THE THIRD DIMENSION

BRISTOL ROVERS are the current league leaders with any of ten teams capable of eventually becoming end of season play off material. But it's all down to consistency and some half dozen Clubs have held pole position so far without being able to stay there. NOTTS COUNTY have come from nowhere and the continuation of a recent streak has

hoisted them into second spot. Their most recent was at CARDIFF where a 3-1 scoreline secured maximum points. Bottom placed WALSALL did themselves a big favour and gain the Barclays Performance of the Week award after a valuable 2-0 victory at BURY.

WIGAN's recent Cup success seems to have instilled confidence in the side leading to a 2-0 victory over SWANSEA but Lancashire neighbours PRESTON failed in their bid at BIRMINGHAM, going down 3-1.

Bolton's visit to SHREWSBURY ended at 3-3 to share the points, but it very nearly could have been all three after running into a 2-0 half time lead thanks to a Steve Thompson double strike. 'Shrews' substitute Willie Naughton was brought on for the second period often to torment the Wanderers defence. After pulling back a two goal deficit Bolton again went ahead through Tony Philliskirk before Mayes levelled again the the 75th minute. A point away from home is satisfactory but Phil Neal will no doubt have been disappointed not to have collected maximum points after scoring on three occasions away from home.

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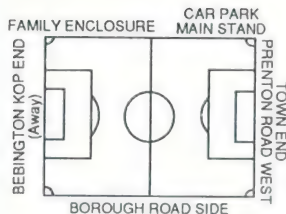
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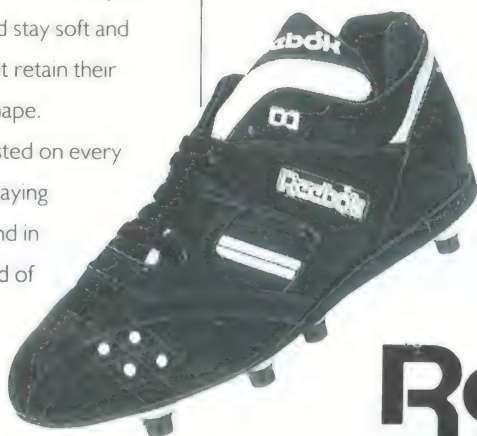
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LOOKING BACK

The 1980's (Part One)



JOHN MCGOVERN
*Took over player/manager
in 1982*

As we come to the end of yet another decade we look back over each year in the 1980's both in today's and next Saturday's programme.

1980—The year came in with the team rooted at the foot of Division One but there were hopes of a revival when a Neil Whatmore goal won the Wanderers a third round FA Cup tie at Second Division high flyers Sunderland. Halifax Town were accounted for in the next round but League result hadn't improved and manager Ian Greaves was sacked. Stan Anderson took over as Caretaker, being officially appointed at the end of February and he celebrated as the Wanderers recorded their first League win for 24 games when a Neil Whatmore goal defeated Nottingham Forest at Burnden.

After relegation to Division Two money was spent on improving the squad with the arrival of Brian Kidd, Dusan Nikolic and Gerry McElhinney but the team continued to struggle.

1981—George Mulhall, former assistant to Ian Greaves in the promotion winning team of 1978, returned to Burnden as coach and with only one defeat in the final eight games Second Division safety was assured. At the end of the season Mulhall took over the managers chair from Anderson. Highlights were a 3-3 FA Cup draw at Nottingham Forest and a 2-1 League win at fellow strugglers Preston.

1982—Once again the question of relegation to Division Three went right to the death with Bolton winning their last two home games, this after a 7-1 defeat at Q.P.R. to earn a reprieve thanks also to Cardiff's home lapses.

George Mulhall vacated the managers post after only twelve months and John McGovern took over as player manager.

1983—One of the early goals of the year came from Wanderers' keeper Jim McDonagh who scored in the 3-0 home win over Burnley. The team appeared to be heading for a mid table spot in mid March but only one win in the final eleven games culminated in relegation to Division Three. It was a young and inexperienced squad that kept the Wanderers up with the Third Division leaders until Christmas including an 8-1 win over Walsall for the club's best League win since 1934.

1984—The final nine games of the term only produced two wins which left the club in tenth place, the lowest in their history at that time. The following season saw a poor start although there was some cup success with two legged victories over Oldham Athletic and Shrewsbury Town before going down 6-1 at Notts County, the home side going six up before half time.



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ABOVE LEFT: Dean Crombie's shot is cleared off the Northampton goal line.

BELOW LEFT: Tony Philliskirk holds off Northampton defender Russell Wilcox.

ABOVE RIGHT: Gary Henshaw directs a rare shot towards the Northampton goal.



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"The atmosphere today should be something special"



Well, here we are, Boxing Day afternoon full of turkey, mince pies and hot toddies, looking forward to a good old fashioned local derby. Of course the game also gives us an opportunity to gain revenge on the 'Seasiders' who knocked us out of the F.A. Cup last month.

With this being the seasonal time of the year there would be no better present from the lads to the Wanderers faithful than six points from the game today and the visit of Bury on Saturday. We have seen recently with the result against Northampton that there are no easy games but with the backing of an expected 10,000 plus crowd the atmosphere today should be something special.


Hopefully the injury situation will be cleared up for these crucial games and it's good to see Robbie Savage returning to the fold after suffering a nasty injury at Rotherham back in September. Robbie with his infectious enthusiasm is always a handy player to have available and with his knack of scoring vital goals from time to time (remember that promotion goal at Wrexham—how could we ever forget it) his return to the squad is

certainly a bonus.

With us now approaching the half way stage of the season the issues regarding promotion and relegation start to have more of a look about them. Bristol Rovers, Rotherham, Tranmere, Bristol City, Bury and of course ourselves, all look to be figuring prominently at the top of the League while Brentford, Wigan, Walsall, Chester, Mansfield, Crewe and Cardiff will all be concerned with their positions at the bottom end of the Division.

As you may well be aware, our game at Tranmere Rovers on New Years Day has now been fixed as a 7.30 p.m. kick-off; not the best of times for our travelling supporters but it is at the insistence of the Merseyside Police. At least it does give us the opportunity of getting rid of the expected hang over from the celebrations of the night before.

On closing today, let me wish you from everyone down here at Burnden Park a *very merry Christmas*. Keep up your tremendous support, let's hope it's rewarded with 3 points come quarter-to-five.



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	30	Stoke C.	H	3-4
Sep.	6	West Bromwich A.	A	1-5
	13	York City	H	2-3
	19	Burnley	A	1-0
	20	Littlewoods Cup 2/1L		
	27	Blackpool	H	0-1
Oct.	2	Mansfield T.	A	4-2
	4	Littlewoods Cup 2/2L		
	11	Preston N.E.	H	0-0
	18	Port Vale	A	1-1
	25	Wolverhampton W.	H	1-2
Nov.	8	Wigan Ath.	H	P
	15	Sunderland	A	2-3
	22	Scunthorpe Utd.	A	1-3
	29	Barnsley	H	1-0
Dec.	5	Grimsby T.	A	
	13	Middlesborough	H	
	19	Rotherham Utd.	A	
Jan.	3	Stoke City	A	
	10	Sheffield W.	H	
	17	York City	A	
	24	West Brom. Albion	H	
	31	Burnley	H	
Feb.	7	Blackpool	A	
	12	Preston N.E.	A	
	14	Littlewoods Cup SF/1L		
	21	Mansfield T.	H	
	28	Barnsley	A	
Mar.	5	Port Vale	H	
	14	Scunthorpe Utd.	H	
	28	Wolverhampton W.	A	
Apr.	4	Grimsby T.	H	
	10	Middlesborough	A	
	18	Rotherham Utd.	H	
	30	Wigan Ath.	A	
May	2	Sunderland	H	

29th November, 1989.

Bolton Wanderers Reserves 1

Barnsley Reserves 0

A goal four minutes from time by Ian Stevens gave the Wanderers reserves a welcome first home win of the season against fellow strugglers Barnsley at Burnden.

Danish trialist Michael Birdendal, from Swiss club La Chaux de Fond, received clearance in time for him to be named as substitute, but he made a quick appearance when he replaced Darren Mason, who was suffering from concussion, after only five minutes play.

Unfortunately he saw little of the ball as the Wanderers found themselves on the defensive during the opening exchanges of the game. Darren Oliver was on hand to clear off his own goal line after Colin Marshall had got clear for Barnsley, this being Marshall's second attempt of the evening at an open goal.

Ian Stevens should have been on target with the Wanderers best chance of the first half which came three minutes from the interval. Mike Jeffrey created the opportunity with an accurate pass from the left which cut through the visitors defence and wrong footed the 'keeper but Stevens' shot struck the bar.

Stevens made amends four minutes from time when he broke through the middle of the Barnsley defence, riding his luck when he appeared to miss hit his shot to send the 'keeper the wrong way, the ball rolling over the line for a precious winner that ended Bolton's run of five games without a win.

Teams

Bolton: Rose, Brown, Oliver, Spooner, Neal, Stubbs, Roberts, Mason, Jeffrey, Stevens, Fisher. Subs: Birkendal for Mason, Birks.

Barnsley: Wardle, Rolph, Bond, Parker, Dunphy, Tiler, Robinson, Foreman, Marshall, Ross, Lowndes. Subs: Irwin, Kay.

Lancashire Football League

Table up to end of November 1989.

Division 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Man. City. A	14	11	2	1	49	15	35
Crewe Al. A	15	11	1	3	61	24	34
Man. Utd. A	14	9	1	4	46	15	28
Blackb'n R. A	14	9	1	4	26	14	28
Rochdale R.	14	8	1	5	26	25	25
Everton A.	13	7	2	4	24	17	23
Preston NE A.	12	5	5	2	26	21	20
Liverpool A.	13	5	2	6	30	21	17
Bolton W. A	14	4	3	6	28	27	15
Marine R.	14	2	7	5	16	24	13
Carlisle U. R.	14	3	4	7	20	29	13
Morecambe R.	14	4	1	9	14	54	13
Burnley R.	13	3	2	8	20	46	11
Accring'n St. R.	13	1	4	8	10	36	7
UMIST	14	1	2	11	12	40	5



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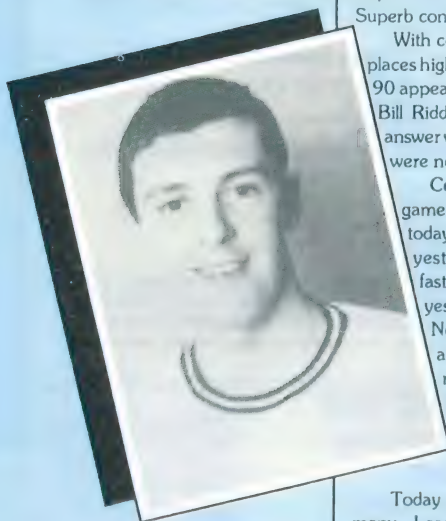
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

CHARLIE COOPER

**B.W.F.C.
1958-69**



Charlie gave up football at the age of 30 to join the Police Force from Barrow in the Third Division. He joined the Wanderers as 1958 Cup winners and became 7th in the line for the first team full back spot. He said, "There were forty odd full time pro's in those days and it wasn't easy entry into the first team, especially with Tommy Banks there. But they were all decent players."

Charlie eventually got his chance in 1960, making his debut along with Francis Lee against Manchester City. "I had the privilege of playing with Nat in Division One and we won 3-1 at Burnden in pouring rain and 38,000 on — that was normal."

City's team then included players like Bert Trautman, Joe Baker and Denis Law.

But Charlie considers Freddie Hill to be the best player to have played with. "He had tremendous skill and a lot quicker than people gave him credit for" he explained. "You could hit a ball at him at 100 m.p.h. and it would stick to his foot. Superb control."

With competition for first team places high Charlie managed about 90 appearances. He said, "I asked Bill Ridding for a move but the answer was always 'No' and there were no tribunals then."

Comparing the modern game Charlie said, "Teams of today would murder teams of yesterday, they're much faster. But the players of yester-year had more skill. Nowadays it's 100 m.p.h. and teams play much of a muchness. We weren't as defensively organised and you got one to one situations creating excitement."

Today Charlie doesn't watch many League games, his sons

play — Charlie at Chorley, and Alex at Westhoughton Town — and he concentrates on their progress. He did however watch the Bolton v Swindon replay and was impressed by Barry Cowdrill and thought he was desperately unlucky to have a goal disallowed.

Having completed 18 years as a 'copper' Charlie is obviously concerned about hooliganism on match days, "although most of the problems are outside the grounds now," he admits, "and it distresses me. But standards in life have gone, no discipline in schools, and it's difficult to stop completely." What about I.D. cards then? "It will put a lot of people to inconvenience and the culprits will still get into the grounds—they are so street wise. It could stop people going to games and I don't think it will sort anything out at all" he said.

Charlie is pleased with Bolton's progress and hopes they get promoted. He said, "The present management seem to have got it partly right. Phil Neal probably wants more players but has to consider the expense involved. Look at the money Manchester United have spent and it doesn't guarantee anything." He concluded, "Good Luck to everyone at Burnden."

Total Appearances for B.W.F.C.

	Lge.		FA Cup		FL Cup		Total	
	App	Gl	App	Gl	App	Gl	App	Gl
1960-61	6	0	0	0	2	0	8	0
1961-62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1962-63	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1963-64	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
1964-65	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1965-66	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	10/1	0
1966-67	27	0	3	0	0	0	30	0
1967-68	22/1	0	1	0	0	0	23/1	0
1968-69	10/2	0	1	0	0	0	11/2	0
	79/4	0	5	0	2	0	86/4	0

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"The only goal of a Second Division promotion clash"

*Photo: Garry Jones watching
John Ritsons shot hit the net
in November 1975.*



Although our more recent encounters with Blackpool have been in cup tie football we return to Burnden Park today for the first time in over three weeks in search for League points.

The Seasiders record in recent visits to Burnden has seen them lose on only three occasions, from twelve League encounters going back to April 1963, when the Wanderers won a First Division game 3-0. Roy Hartle, Warwick Rimmer and Brian Birch were the goalscorers on that day.

Since then, Bolton's three League successes have all been by a one goal margin. In November 1975 it was full back John Ritson who blasted the only goal of a Second Division promotion clash for the Wanderers before a crowd of 17,274.

In March 1978 Peter Reid and Paul Jones were the Bolton goalgetters in a 2-1 win, with Mike Walsh converting a penalty for Blackpool, whilst in October 1986 a Steve Thompson goal was enough to settle the issue in Bolton's favour.

Blackpool's first visit to Burnden Park was on New Years Day 1904 with the Wanderers winning the Second Division encounter 3-0 thanks to goals from Sam Marsh, David Stokes and Bill Yenson. This completed the double for Bolton who had won 4-1 three months earlier at Bloomfield Road.

Indeed the Wanderers had the upper hand in those early games between the teams with Blackpool not earning a League victory until December 1931, at the 11th attempt, by winning 2-1 at Burnden.

At Bloomfield Road the Wanderers continued their run of success and didn't taste defeat there until February 1949 in what was their 14th League visit.

During the 1950's both clubs dominated at home with a 4-0 scoreline, the best winning margin in previous games, going Bolton's way in January 1953, John Wheeler scoring a hat trick as an emergency centre forward in absence of Nat Lofthouse and in October 1958.

Last season's corresponding fixture resulted in a 2-2 draw with Bolton twice holding the lead. Trevor Morgan headed home after only 45 seconds but Tony Cunningham did likewise after 30 minutes. Steve Thompson converted a penalty three minutes into the second half but on the hour Steve Morgan directed a free kick past Dave Felgate for Blackpool's second equaliser.

Our overall League record against Blackpool is as follows:-

	P	I	W	D	L	F	A
Home	40	21	8	11	66	42	
Away	40	11	14	15	47	54	
Total	80	32	22	26	113	96	



The start of 1902/03 season was met with new markings on the football pitch, the penalty area was marked as we know it today and not a continuous twelve yard line.

On the playing front the major change as far as the Wanderers were concerned was that of goalkeeper. The evergreen James Sutcliffe joined the flow of players South of the country and joined Millwall for a fee of £400. Five other Wanderers players went South whilst Welsh rugby international, Dai Davies, was one of eight new recruits and was

Sutcliffe's replacement, having been playing under the League code for Swinton.

Fred Thompson, another goalkeeper, joined the club from Bury.

The season got off to a sad start with the death of former captain David Jones. The 35 year old Welshman fell on glass whilst playing for Manchester City and tetanus set in. He was well respected in Bolton and large numbers of people paid their last respects, as the funeral made its way through Deane, to a player who had played in 228 League games for the Wanderers. A benefit game for his family was played during September against Manchester City with his old club going down 3-1.

On the field the Wanderers made their worst start ever to a League season. The first six games were all lost and needless to say the club was rooted at the foot of the table.

The only respite was a Lancashire Cup win at Barrow.

John Lewis was appointed trainer at the beginning of October being accepted from over 40 applications for the position.

The first point of the season was in the eighth game, a 1-1 draw with Liverpool at Burnden, but the Wanderers became something of a music hall joke as it was said "they're the most consistent team in the League—they never win!"

And so it went on, sixteen games without a win and then three heavy defeats during the Christmas period with a goal difference of 3 for 15 against made relegation a virtual certainty with fifteen games still to play.

Then on the 17th January the first League win of the season was recorded at the 23rd attempt, a 3-1 scoreline at Notts County. "At last" was the cry, now some kind of normality



could be returned. The next two home games against Derby and Middlesbrough were won but Bristol City won 5-0 in the first round of the FA Cup at Burnden to end any hopes of salvaging something from the season.

Sixteen points were taken from the last twelve games but the improvement came too late to save the club from relegation for the second time in its history.

Thirty players were used during the season, most were new to the rigours of First Division football but it would be difficult to believe that any club could go through its

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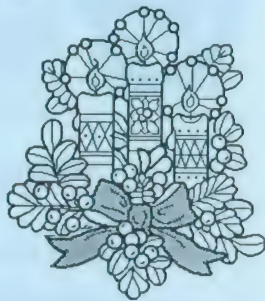


**Former
Captain**

**DAVID
JONES**

first twenty two League games without a win. This is by far the worst start to a season in the club's history and was the worst by any club since the League began.

During his first two months in office, trainer Jack Lewis had eighteen injuries to deal with. Six players were carried from the field, James Picken and Jimmy Hanson broke their legs, David Stokes suffered from a long term injury and only once in the first half of the season did the same team appear consecutively.



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TODAY'S MASCOT

Stuart Ormesher
Stuart is 12 years old and lives in Westhoughton.

DIVISION 3

	Home					Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
Bristol R.....	19	6	3	0	18	7	4	4	2	8	37
Notts Co.....	19	6	2	1	13	5	4	4	2	16	36
Bristol C.....	19	6	3	1	14	6	4	2	3	10	35
Botherham.....	19	7	3	0	30	9	2	4	3	8	34
Tranmere.....	19	6	3	1	24	8	4	3	5	14	33
Bury.....	19	3	5	2	14	11	6	1	2	18	33
Bham C.....	19	7	2	1	18	4	2	1	6	6	30
Shrewsbury.....	19	6	2	2	20	11	2	3	4	12	29
Bolton.....	19	4	4	1	9	8	3	4	3	16	29
Huddersfield.....	19	4	3	2	13	9	3	5	2	12	29
Fulham.....	19	3	4	2	14	11	3	3	4	9	25
Swansea.....	19	5	3	1	11	11	2	1	7	6	25
Northampton.....	19	4	1	4	12	11	2	4	4	13	23
Crewe.....	19	3	4	3	13	13	2	3	4	10	22
Leyton O.....	19	5	1	3	14	9	1	2	7	13	24
Preston.....	19	5	2	2	20	14	1	1	8	9	23
Wigan.....	19	5	3	2	12	8	0	3	6	6	21
Blackpool.....	19	3	2	5	9	11	2	3	4	9	20
Reading.....	19	3	4	2	10	10	1	4	5	10	16
Walsall.....	19	2	2	6	8	15	3	3	3	10	20
Brentford.....	19	4	1	5	15	16	2	1	6	10	18
Cardiff.....	19	2	4	4	14	17	2	3	4	11	16
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Pontin's League

Wednesday, 10th January, 1990. • Kick-Off 7.00 p.m.

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KIRKBY CENTRAL TEAM SHEET

BOLTON WANDERERS

White Shirts/Blue Shorts

- 1 Dave FELGATE
- 2 Phil BROWN
- 3 Barry COWDRILL
- 4 Gary HENSHAW
- 5 Dean CROMBIE
- 6 Mark WINSTANLEY
- 7 Stuart STORER
- 8 Steve THOMPSON
- 9 David REEVES
- 10 Tony PHILLISKIRK
- 11 Julian DARBY
- 12
- 14

TODAYS LINE UP

BLACKPOOL

Tangerine & White

- 1 Steve McILHARGEY
- 2 Dave BURGESS
- 3 Steve MORGAN
- 4 Russell COUGHLIN
- 5 Colin METHVEN
- 6 Shaun ELLIOTT
- 7 Ian GORE
- 8 Gary BROOK
- 9 Gordon OWEN
- 10 Andy GARNER
- 11 David EYRES
- 12
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